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PRAYERS

Let us remember those in our parish and friends who are in need of special prayers.

John & Vicky Tanner, Graham
Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian
Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah
Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies
Kath Morgan, Tricia Carter, Louise
Wright, Frank McNally, Pat Roberts,
Jo Kerr

For parishioners, relatives and friends lately dead.

Brian Tanswell, Lily Kerr.

For those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Harold Lewis (S), Jean Rymond
(S.2005), Ivy Ogles & Edward Ogles
(M.), Arthur Shirley (W.), Charlotte
Lane (Th.'53), Robert Doyle (Th.'66),
Mary Hughes (Th.2012), Mary
Rennell of Rodd (F.) Antony Edwards
(Sa.'88), Olwen Gregorie (Sa).

For peoples and leaders threatened
by the greater powers of the world,
especially Iran, Lebanon, Greenland,
Venezuela, Ukraine, Uyghur people in
China

**For our King, Charles & Queen
Camilla and the Royal Family.** Our
Prime minister and his government.
May they govern with integrity,
heeding the religious beliefs and
social needs of our land.

**For all the peoples caught up in
the Middle East war, especially
in Lebanon & Iran.**

**For good sense over the Gulf of
Hormuz and a return to peace.**

St. Thomas of Hereford, Weobley & St. Bede the Venerable, Kington

PARISH BULLETIN

EASTER, WEEK 4. Sun. April 26th.- Sat. May 2nd.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

First Reading

Acts. c.2, vv 14,36-41.

This is a continuation of Peter's address to the crowds after the manifestation of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. A great many would have witnessed the Spirit but would not have connected it with the man, Jesus Christ whom their authorities had just crucified. Peter points this out and the people are "cut to the heart", and they ask, "What shall we do? Recalling the cry of John the Baptist, Peter cries "Repent and be baptised in the name of that same Jesus Christ. Your sins will be forgiven and you will receive the Holy Spirit!" That day 3,000 joined the church!

Jesus, The Good Shepherd *5th.century mosaic, Ravenna*



Second reading:

1 Peter, ch. 2, vv.20b-25.

It is a beautiful and worthy thing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus did on the way to His death and consequent resurrection. It will not be the same for all of us but suffering is integral to the Christ-life. So we need to know how to deal with it because it won't just go away. "Christ left us an example so that we could follow in His steps." He has already borne the weight of our offences on the cross, so the answer is not just to go back and be as before or to simply do nothing, like the man in the gospel who, when forgiven, did nothing and so left space for 7 other demons to repossess him. We must return to Christ with renewed purpose.

Gospel

John. ch 10. vv.1-10

This reading is the first of three teachings by Jesus on the 'Good Shepherd'. This one concentrates on the virtues of the shepherd himself whereas the others look more to the sheep. In Israel at that time sheep and goats were the main farm animals. We have all seen sheep most of our lives even in cattle-country Herefordshire. Sheep seem more nervous and more dependent. They quickly follow the shepherd on his quad-bike. They are instantly responsive to the dog. They seem more needy than other animals. Today, Jesus emphasises the role of the shepherd. His

virtue is paramount.

SERVICES: EASTER WEEK 4, YEAR A

Special collection today for the priests and ministries training fund.

Sat. Apri, 25	Mass of 4 th .Sunday of Easter Kington, 6.00pm.	INTENTION Vocations
Sun. April 26	4 th . SUNDAY OF EASTER, Mass, Weobley. 11.00 Good Shepherd Sunday	Vocations
Mon.April 27	NO Mass. <i>Morning prayer 9.40</i>	
Tue. April 28	Mass at Weobley, 10.00. <i>Morn. prayer 9.40</i>	Our sick members
Wed. Apr 29	Mass at Kington, 10.30 - Feria <i>Morning .Prayer 9.40</i>	
Thur. Apr. 30	NO Mass. <i>Morning prayer 9.40</i>	
Fri. May 01	Mass, Weobley 4.00pm.. <i>Morning prayer 9.40 a.m.</i>	
Sat. May 02	Mass of 5 th . Sunday of Easter Mass, Kington, 6.00pm..	Peace on Earth.
Sun. May 03	5 th .SUNDAY OF EASTER Mass, Weobley 10.30	

Mass intentions. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention , please contact Fr. Simon. Please detail for whom or what the intention is offered. It is helpful to have the name and contact details of the offerer. Envelopes available.

NOTICES

DEANERY NEWSLETTER: Catch up with Catholic and Ecumenical life throughout the county.,

PARISH BIBLE READING GROUP. Next session Wed. May 6th. 2.00pm. Weobley

KINGTON CHILDRENS' LITURGY Saturdays, during Mass in the new parish room, for all children who have not yet had 1st. Communion.

MARIAN PROCESSION AT BELMONT – Wednesday May 6th. 9.00pm. See Ads.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AT WEOBLEY. In the coming weeks we will be exhibiting in the parish room a fine series of painting by our late parishioner, Sheila Mundy, on the theme of the Our Father. These will be for sale as a set or as individual pictures.

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART. This is our response to the Synod (don't be afraid of the word – it simply means a church meeting with spiritual emphasis.). Archbishop Mark, taking his lead from Pope's Francis and Leo XIV, has kicked-off by emphasising the need for us to be a PRAYING community. As far as possible this is to be a local (parish and deanery) movement. Last Tuesday, we had our first parish session led by Joanna at Weobley. After a short video from Archbishop Mark we had a period of 'Lectio Divina' – traditional Christian prayer-based on last Sunday's Gospel, the journey to Emmaus. This led to a fruitful parish-centred discussion in which several topics were tossed around: the liturgy and homily, youth and lack of, and communication. There was suggestion of a parish 'whatsapp' facility. There was concern that out of a congregation (at Weobley) of around 40, only 9 attended this very important first meeting.

PENTECOST NOVENA. The last few years, in line with the Church's recommendation, we have held a brief daily Novena from Ascension to Pentecost to properly prepare for the coming of the Spirit, that our hearts may be truly open. This year, the Novena (9 days) will **ECUMENICAL** and will be held daily **from Thursday May 14th to Friday May 22nd. At 6.00pm.** ("Oh no, Father. That's my Bridge, Gardening, Work-out, cooking, News, etc. time!" "Nothing comes before the Holy Spirit".) Texts will be made available. **Prayer will be led from Weobley and on Zoom'. It will last about 20 minutes.**

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AT ST. THOMAS', WEOBLEY. Many of you will have heard us speaking of a 'Garden of Remembrance' for the interment of ashes of parishioners of both Weobley and Kington. A suitable space has now been (almost) cleared behind St. Thomas' church, to the left of our recreation area. This should also serve as a Garden of Prayer. Plans are about to be drawn up and you will be informed of progress.